

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 15 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the limitations of claim 16, indicated allowable, and claim 16 cancelled. Applicants submit the present Amendment does not generate any new matter issue.

All remaining claims depend from independent claim 1 and, hence, are allowable. For completeness Applicants will address the imposed rejections.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11 and 13 through 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 for obviousness predicated upon Zhao et al. in view of Ritzdorf et al.

Claims 6 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 for obviousness predicated upon Zhao et al. in view of Ritzdorf et al. and Cabral et al.

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 for obviousness predicated upon Zhao et al. in view of Ritzdorf et al. and Islam et al.

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 for obviousness predicated upon Zhao et al. in view of Ritzdorf et al., Cabral et al. and Islam et al.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 for obviousness predicated upon Takagi et al. in view of Ritzdorf et al.

Claims 6 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 for obviousness predicated upon Takagi et al. in view of Ritzdorf et al. and Cabral et al.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 7 through 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 for obviousness predicated upon Islam et al.

Each of the above rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 is traversed. Indeed, each of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 has been rendered moot by incorporating the limitations of claim 16, indicated allowable, into claim 1, upon which all other claims depend.

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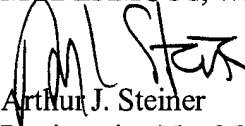
Applicants, therefore, submit that the imposed rejections have been overcome and solicit withdrawal thereof.

Applicants further submit that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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